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NOBODY'S MY PAL WHEN THERE'S A REWARD OUT FER 'IM! HA, I CAN FEEL THAT TEN GRAND IN MY HANDS NOW! TOO BAD, SUCKER, TOO BAD!!!
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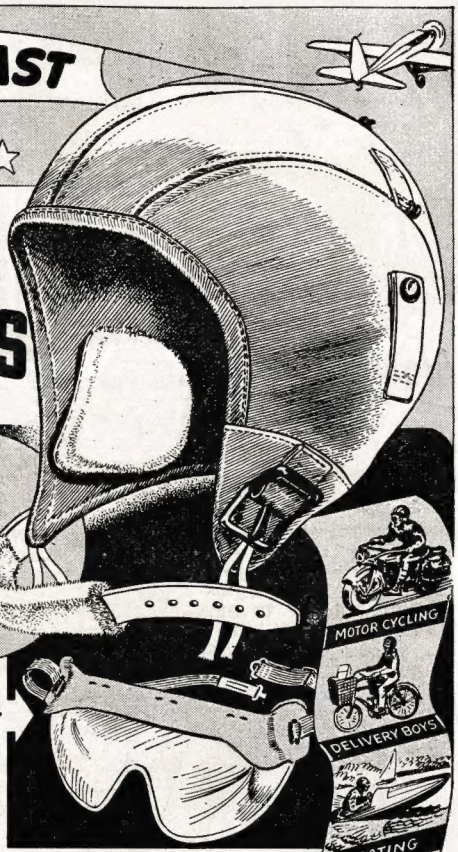

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"KILLING WAS HIS BUSINESS!"

I'LL GO ON KILLING! NOTHING'LL STOP ME... NOBODY'LL STOP ME... KILLING'S MY BUSINESS!

YOU'LL BE STOPPED, WILBUR UNDERHILL! YOU'LL BE STOPPED BY THE POLICE AND BY YOUR OWN GANG! FOR NO ONE ESCAPES JUSTICE... NO ONE, WILBUR... WAIT AND SEE!

IN DEFERENCE TO PERSONS INNOCENTLY INVOLVED, SOME OF THE CHARACTERS DEPICTED IN THIS STORY ARE GIVEN FICTITIOUS NAMES.

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I AM FATE! I CONTROL DESTINIES! THERE STOOD A MAN CALLED WILBUR UNDERHILL. I HAD MUCH IN STORE FOR HIM, AND HIS CAREER WAS WRITTEN IN BLOOD!

MOST PEOPLE SAVE STAMPS FOR A HOBBY—BUT NOT WILBUR—HE WAS MORE UNIQUE—HE SAVED GUNS...

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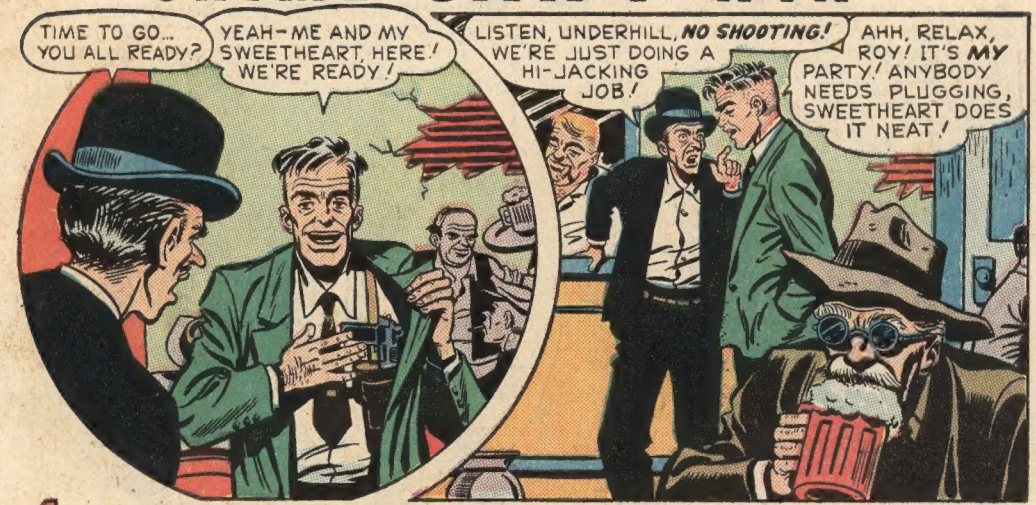

AND SO BEGAN THE DRAMA OF A NEW CRIMINAL CAREER! WILBUR UNDERHILL HAD BEEN LAUNCHED ON HIS FIRST CRIME!

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UNDERHILL WENT INTO HIDING FOR A FEW WEEKS...

THIS ISN'T FOR ME! I BEAT THE RAP! THE DRIVER WAS AFRAID TO SING. SURE... HE KNOWS ABOUT ME AND SWEETHEART!

YOU ARE RIGHT, WILBUR UNDERHILL. NOTHING WILL COME OF THIS— BUT YOUR MARCH UP THE LADDER OF CRIME MUST CONTINUE!

SWEETHEART, YOU AND ME ARE THROUGH WITH THIS PENNY-ANTE STUFF! NO MORE HI-JACKING! NO MORE KNOCKING OFF FILLING STATIONS! WE'RE HEADING FOR THE ***BIG TIME!***

LATER...

NOW WILBUR UNDERHILL IS IN CRIME'S ELITE CIRCLE. THESE MEN ARE FOUNDERS OF A DREAD GANG!

GIVE ME A CHANCE, BOYS! I'M GOOD, I TELL YOU!

WHAT CAN WE LOSE? LET HIM GO ALONG ON THE JOB!

SOON AFTERWARD, IN AN OKLAHOMA TOWN...

OKAY, HERE IT IS, BOYS! MOVE FAST! DON'T SHOOT UNLESS YOU HAVE TO!

RIGHT!

OKAY!

INSIDE THE BANK...

NOBODY MAKE A MOVE!

GRAB THE DOUGH FAST!

COME ON— LET'S GO!

I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE. I DON'T LIKE THIS GUARD'S FACE!

THAT'S IT, WILBUR! LET'S BRANCH OUT INTO MURDER!

HA! HA! ***THIS'LL*** CHANGE YOUR FACE, GUARD!

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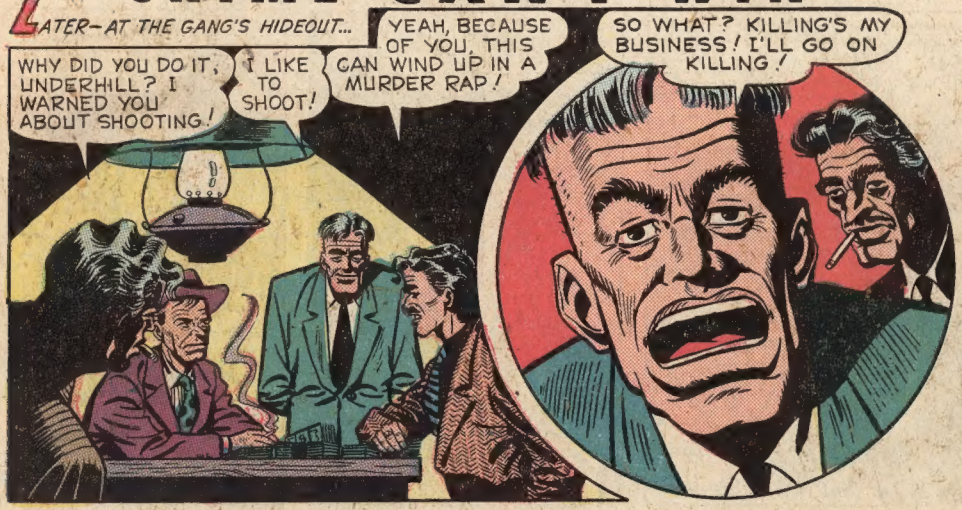

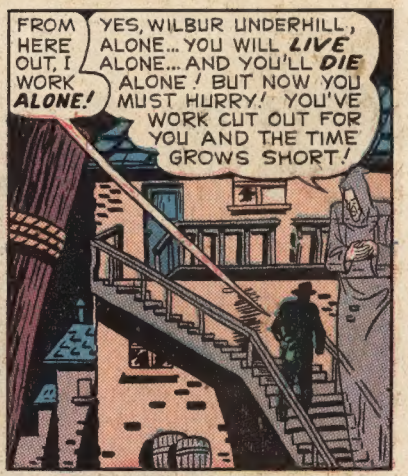

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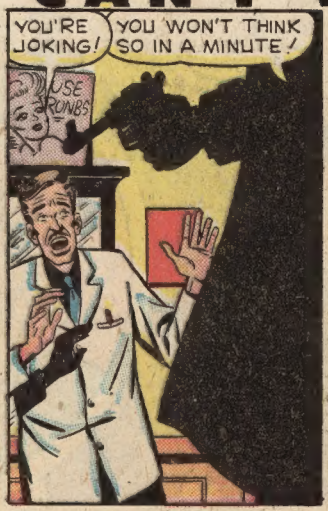

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, AT A QUIET ROOMING HOUSE...

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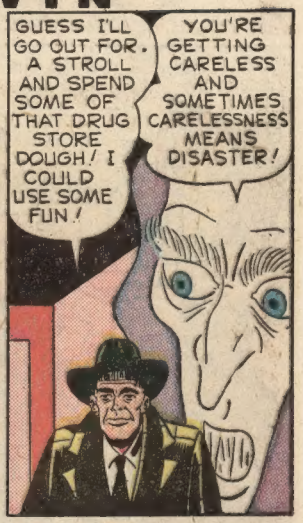

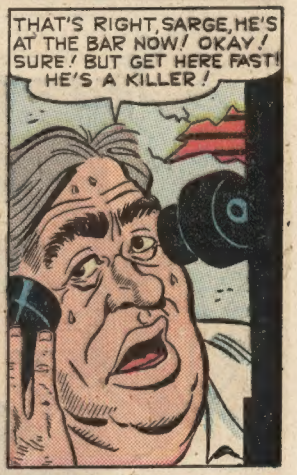

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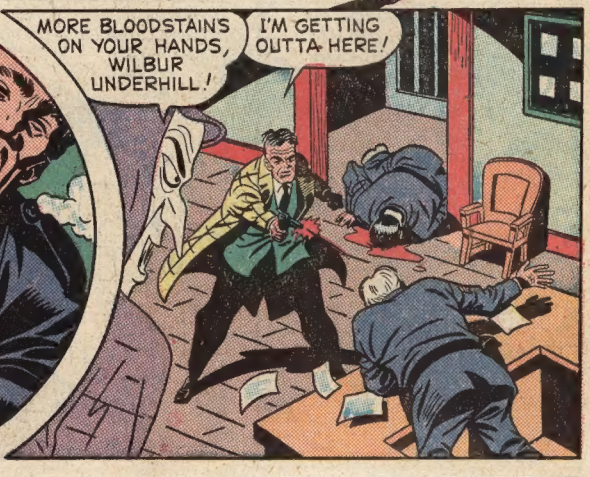

UNDERHILL HEADS FOR HIS ROOMING HOUSE...

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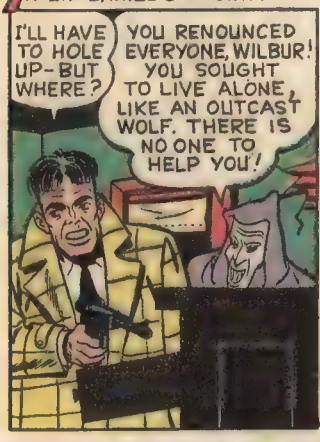

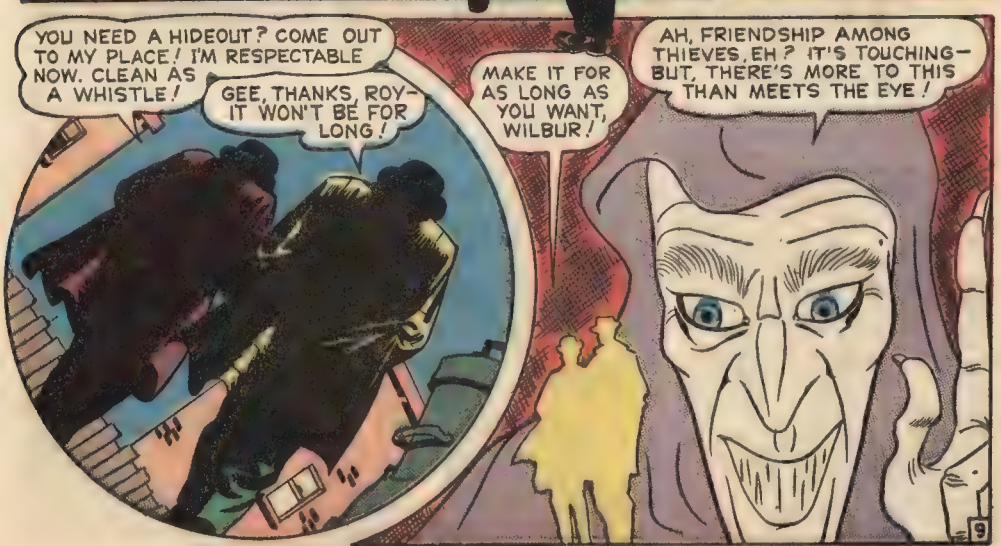

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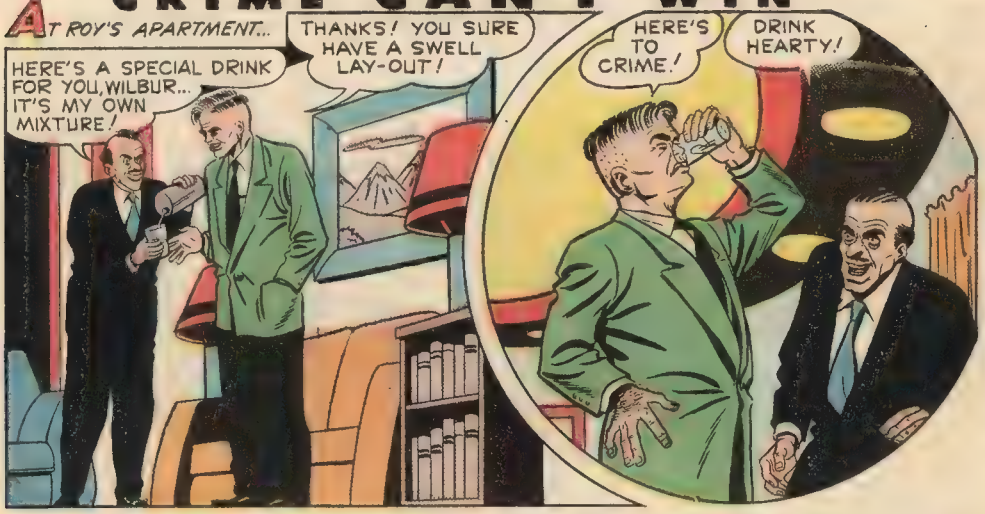

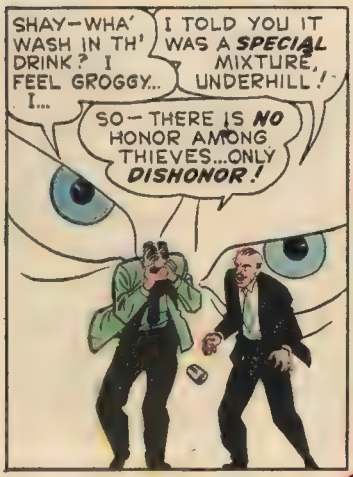

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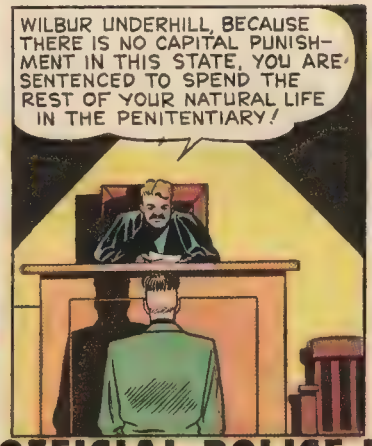

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IN PRISON, THE KILLER BROODED— THINKING OF ESCAPE AND VENGEANCE...

I'LL GET OUT— AND WHEN I DO— THERE'S A RAT I'M PAYING OFF!

IN PRISON, WILBUR UNDERHILL LIVES ONLY TO NOURISH HATRED!

THEN, ONE DAY IN THE PRISON YARD...

HEY, UNDERHILL, TAKE A SQUINT!

A ROD! WHAT'S THIS—A BREAK?

YEAH, IT'S A **BREAK!** TOMORROW'S MEMORIAL DAY AND WE'RE BUSTING OUT DURING THE BALL GAME! THERE'S PLENTY MORE RODS TO PASS AROUND! ARE YOU IN?

TRY TO KEEP ME OUT!

MEMORIAL DAY, 1933...

THERE IS MORE AT STAKE HERE THAN A VICTORY OR LOSS IN THE BALL GAME. WILBUR UNDERHILL AND OTHER DESPERATE CRIMINALS ARE BIDING THEIR TIME!

MOVE, WHEN THE INNING'S OVER!

CHECK!

AT LAST THE MOMENT 'GAME AND THE ARMED CONVICTS ACTED SWIFTLY!

SO LONG, WARDEN!

YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY WITH THIS, UNDERHILL!

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH, WARDEN! I GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING I WANT!

I WONDER WHAT HE WOULD DO IF HE KNEW WHAT WAS IN STORE FOR HIM, AS I DO?

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WILBUR UNDERHILL AND NINE OTHERS BREAK OUT OF PRISON!

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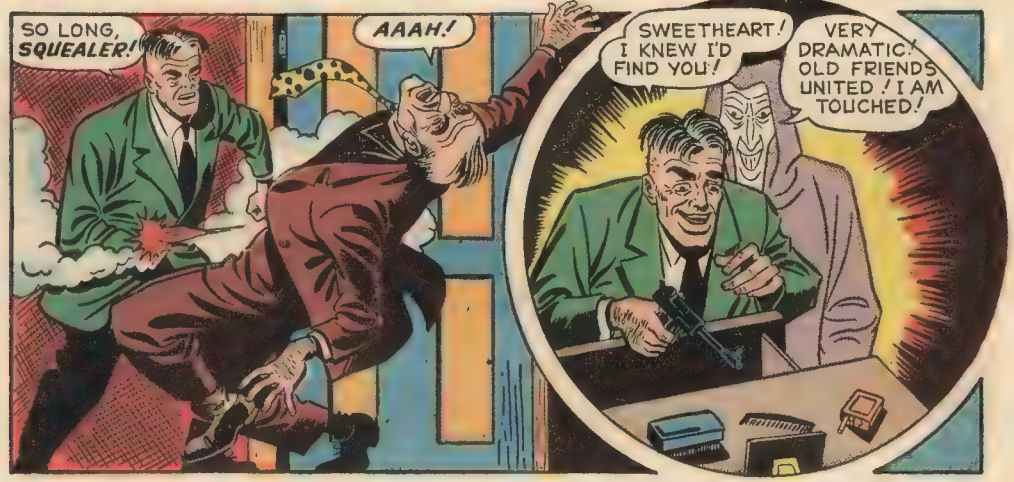

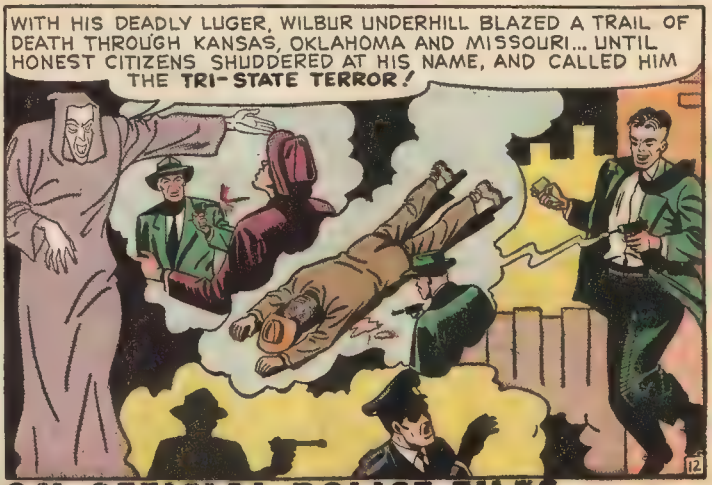

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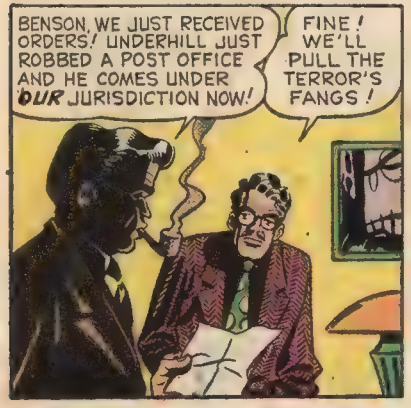
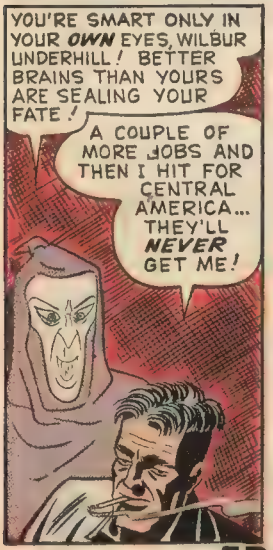


MEANWHILE, IN A SMALL FARMHOUSE NEAR SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA...



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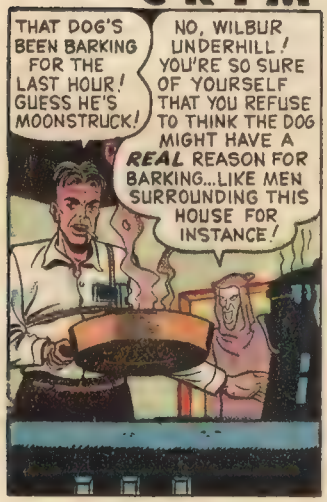

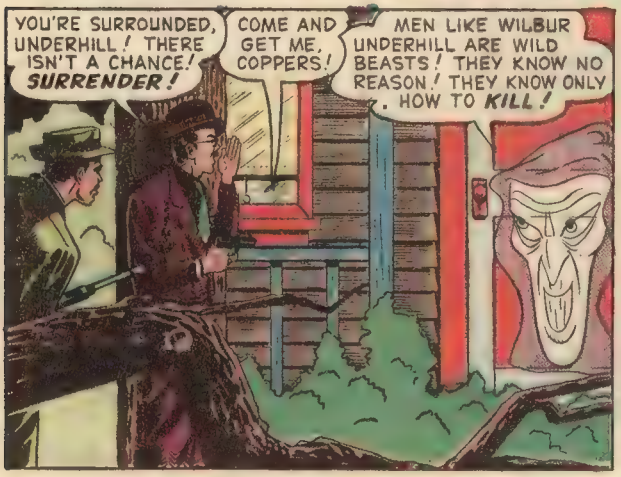

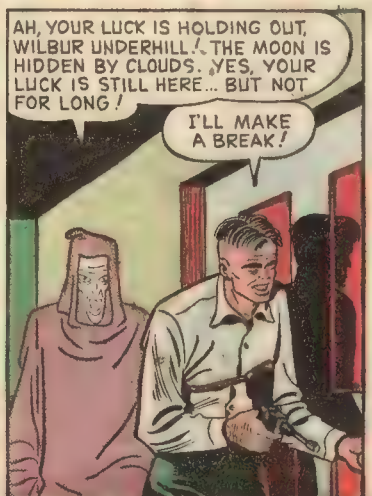

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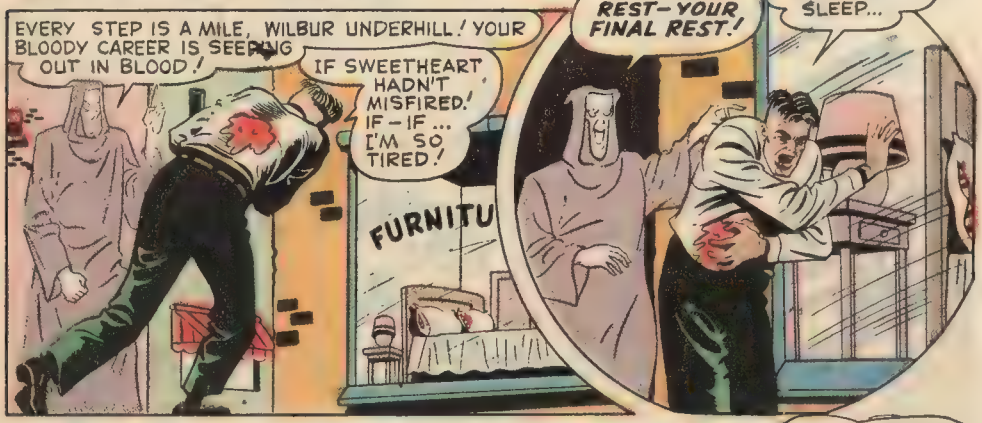
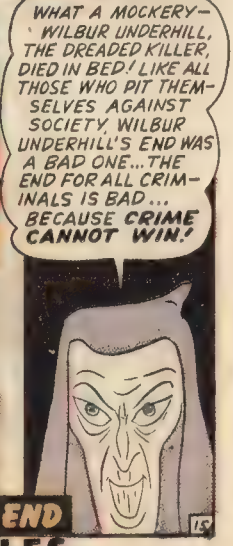
SOMEHOW, UNDERHILL, BADLY WOUNDED, MANAGED TO REACH THE MAIN STREET OF SHAWNEE...





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WILD BILL HICKOCK! I'M CASHING IN YOUR CHIPS!

BACK IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE WILD WEST, MEN **LIVED** BY THE CODE OF THE GUN, AND MANY **DIED** BY IT! HERE IS THE STORY OF ONE DARING KILLER, DURING THOSE HECTIC DAYS WHEN...

"GUNS TALKED IN ABILENE!"

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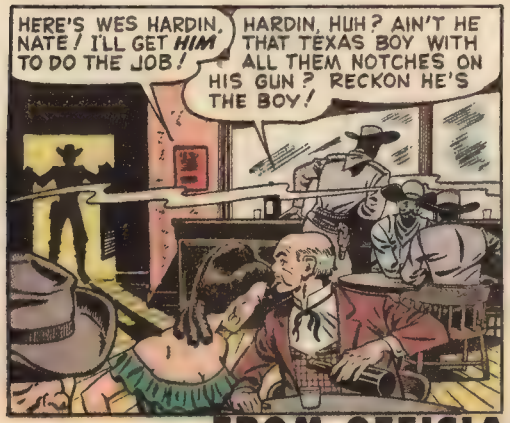
DURING THE '70'S, ABILENE, KANSAS WAS A TOUGH TOWN, AND THE GOLDEN EGG SALOON WAS THE TOUGHEST SPOT IN TOWN...



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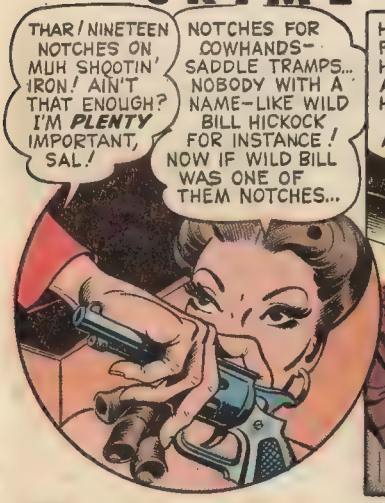
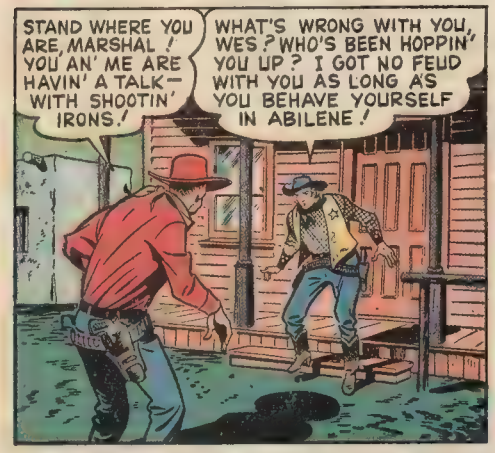
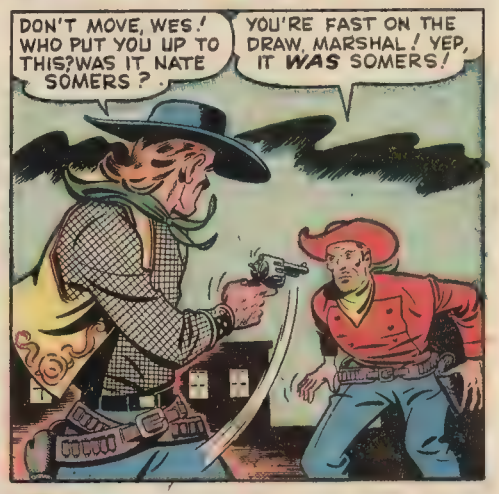
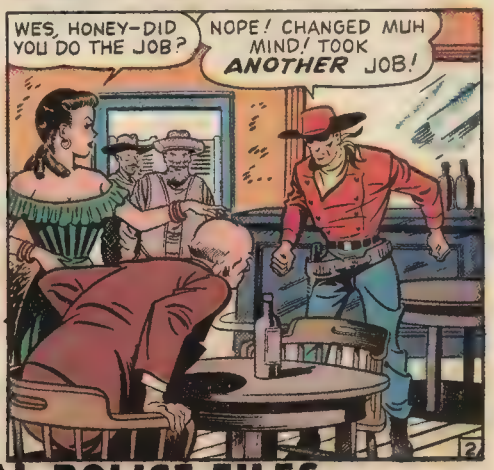


HARDIN WENT AFTER HICKOCK, AND FOUND HIM...





HARDIN RETURNED TO THE GOLDEN EGG...



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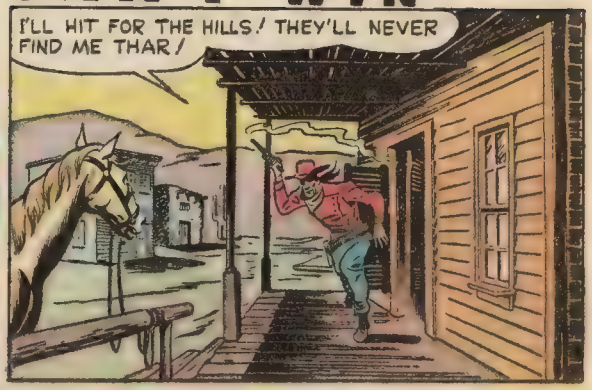
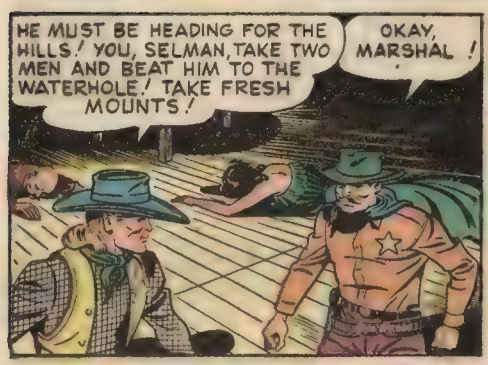
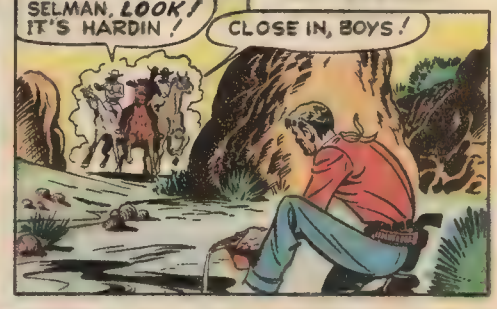
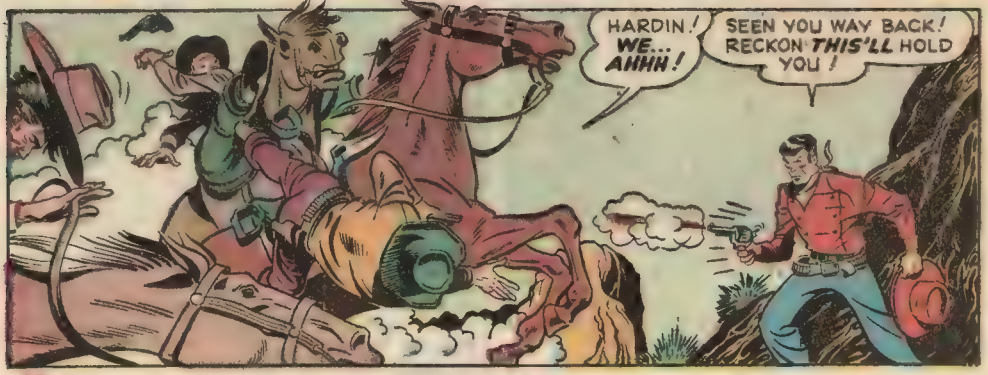


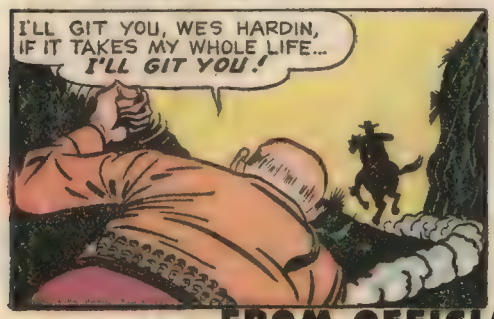


THE PURSUIT LASTED ALL NIGHT! THE NEXT MORNING...

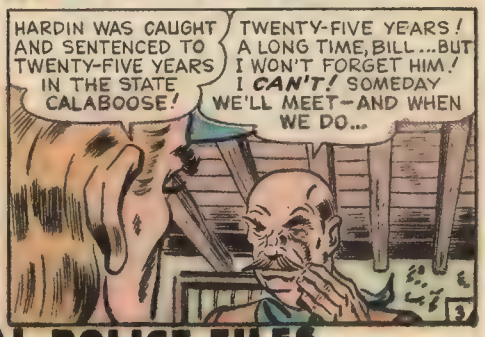




HARDIN'S BULLETS KILLED TWO OF THE DEPUTIES! THE OTHER...



MONTHS LATER, BACK IN ABILENE...



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THE YEARS PASSED SLOWLY IN THE STATE PEN...

WHO'S THAT GUY? HE'S ALWAYS READIN' THEM LAW BOOKS!

THAT'S WES HARDIN! ONCE HE WAS THE WORST GUN SLINGER IN THE SOUTHWEST! HE'S CALMED DOWN CONSIDERABLE! SPENDS HIS TIME ***STUDYIN' LAW!***

FINALLY, IN 1895...

YOU'RE A FREE MAN NOW, HARDIN! WHAT WILL YOU DO?

GO BACK TO EL PASO! THAT'S MY HOME! BEEN STUDYIN' LAW ALL THESE YEARS! MAYBE I'LL TAKE THE BAR EXAMINATION AN' SET UP PRACTICE—OR MAYBE WORK FOR A LAWYER!

EL PASO, TEXAS...

HOME, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!

YOU—WES HARDIN!

WE MEET AGAIN, HARDIN! THE LAST TIME YOU GAVE ME ***THIS!***

YOU'RE ONE OF HICKOCK'S DEPUTIES! BUT THAT WAS SO LONG AGO... EVEN HICKOCK'S ***DEAD NOW!***

YOU'RE NOT, HARDIN! I'VE BEEN WAITING ***YEARS*** FOR THIS MINUTE!

WAIT! I AIN'T ARMED!

YOU KILLED THIRTY-SIX MEN IN YOUR TIME, HARDIN, AND ALL OF THEM WERE ***UNARMED!*** SOME OF THEM YOU PLUGGED IN THE BACK! NOW ***YOU*** GET WHAT'S COMIN' TO YOU!

SO JOHN WESLEY HARDIN DIED—A VICTIM OF THE ***GUN!*** FOR ***THOSE*** WHO ***LIVE*** BY IT, ***DIE*** BY IT! SELMAN HIMSELF WAS KILLED A FEW DAYS LATER IN A GUNFIGHT!

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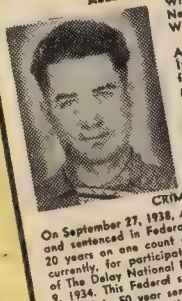

ALLEN BUTLER WOOLWORTH

With aliases: O. W. Nelson, Jack Nelson, "Blackie" Nelson, Allen W. Woolworth, "Grape" Woolworth.

DESCRIPTION

Age, 42 years, born October 9, 1903, Wichita, Kansas; Height, 5 feet, 10 inches; Weight, 158 pounds; Eyes, blue; Hair, dark brown, graying; Complexion, dark; Build, medium; Race, white; Nationality, American; Occupation, clerk; Scars and Marks, small cut scar left corner of mouth, cut scar "V" shape on right forehead, appendectomy scar.

CRIMINAL RECORD

On September 27, 1938, Allen Butler Woolworth was convicted and sentenced in Federal Court, Norfolk, Nebraska, to serve 20 years on one count and 25 years on another count, concurrently, for participation in the $22,850.00 armed robbery of The Delay National Bank, Norfolk, Nebraska, on November 9, 1934. This Federal sentence was to begin upon expiration of a 10 to 50 year sentence Woolworth began serving in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Lansing, Kansas, on June 11, 1937, for robbery of The Citizens National Bank, Emporia, Kansas, on March 1, 1933. On January 3, 1934, he escaped from the Kansas State Penitentiary. His criminal record, which dates back to 1921, includes arrest for assault and carrying concealed weapons. He is reported to be ARMED at the present time and is regarded as DANGEROUS. An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Kansas City, on June 4, 1943, charging Woolworth with violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940.

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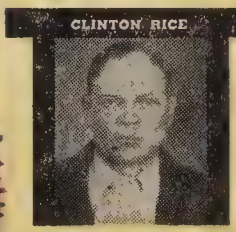

CLINTON RICE

With aliases: Basket Rice, Victor Rice, "Red."

DESCRIPTION

Age 54, born June 16, 1892, Evansville, Indiana; Height, 5 feet, 4½ inches; Weight, 143 pounds; Build, medium; Eyes, blue; Hair, black, curly, bald spot on top of head; Complexion, very light brown; Race, negro; Nationality, American; Occupations, chauffeur, laborer, paperhanger, painter and decorator, and porter; Scars and marks, ring finger of left hand amputated at second joint, word "love" tattooed on back of four fingers of right hand, one letter on each finger, word "OLA" on back of three fingers of left hand, letter "O" on index finger, letter "L" on middle finger and letter "A" on ring finger.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR ROBBERY

CRIMINAL RECORD

Rice was sentenced to a term of 10 years in the Missouri State Penitentiary for robbery, first degree, and attempted robbery, first degree.

CAUTION!

RICE IS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS AND MAY BE ARMED

A complaint was filed before the United States Commissioner at St. Louis, Missouri, August 10, 1943, charging Clinton Rice with violating Section 408a, Title 18, U. S. Code in that he unlawfully fled from the state of Missouri to avoid prosecution for the crime of robbery.

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RAYMOND ELMER JACKSON

With aliases: Jim Beam, Joe Harris, James Elmer Jackson.

DESCRIPTION

Age, 52 or 53, born November 8, 1893 or 1894 in Iowa; Height, 5'9"; Weight, 165 pounds; Eyes, blue or gray; Hair, brown; Complexion, medium; Build, medium; Race, white; Nationality, American; Occupations, laborer and mechanic; Scars and marks, small cut scar on bridge of nose.

CONDITIONAL RELEASE VIOLATOR

CRIMINAL RECORD

Since September 15, 1925, Raymond Elmer Jackson has been arrested on numerous occasions for charges which include breaking and entering, illegal transportation of liquor, automobile larceny, forgery and violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act.

On November 5, 1942 the U. S. District Court at Moscow, Idaho, sentenced this subject to serve two years imprisonment for a violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. Jackson served a portion of this sentence at the U. S. Penitentiary, McNeil Island, Washington, and was conditionally released from this institution on May 16, 1944. On July 21, 1944 the U. S. Board of Parole issued a warrant for the arrest of this subject as James Elmer Jackson in which he is charged with violating the terms of his conditional release.

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RAYMOND WRIGHT

With aliases: Raymond Burton, Dewey Gowan, Raymond Knowl, Raymond McFarrer, Raymond Roberts, Raymond Scott, "Blackie", "Mike".

DESCRIPTION

Age, 34 years, born May 20, 1912, Peach Orchard, Arkansas; Height, 5 feet, 8 inches; Weight, 150 pounds; Eyes, black, sometimes appear green; Hair, dark brown; Complexion, ruddy; Build, medium; Race, white; Nationality, American; Education, grade school; Occupations, farmhand, truck driver, mechanic; Scars and marks, scar on left temple, several scars back of head usually obscured by hair; Peculiarities, prominent eye teeth, noticeable gap between upper front teeth, affects cowboy dress, interested in rodeo and dude ranches, rides freight trains, talks slowly and deliberately, usually quiet and well-mannered but reported cruel to domestic animals.

UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION FOR MURDER

CRIMINAL RECORD

(None Known)

An indictment was returned by a Federal Grand Jury at Wichita, Kansas, on September 28, 1935, charging subject as Raymond Knowl with violation of the Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Statute in that he did, on or about October 18, 1934, unlawfully travel in interstate commerce from the State of Kansas to the State of Oklahoma to avoid prosecution for MURDER, which crime was committed in Montgomery County, Kansas, on October 18, 1934.

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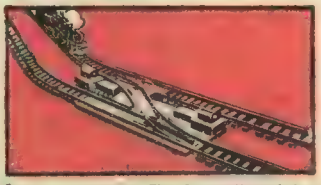

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FOR OBVIOUS REASONS, ALL NAMES ARE FICTITIOUS!

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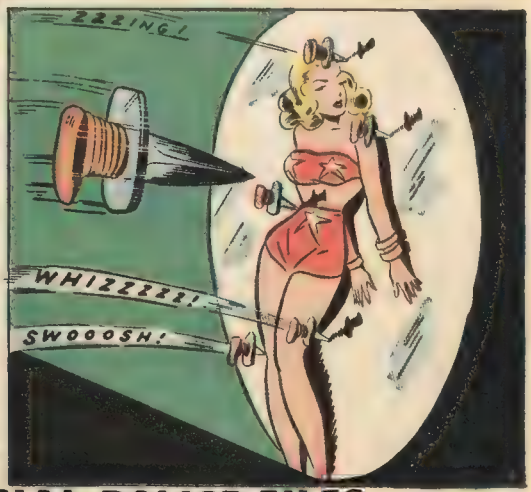

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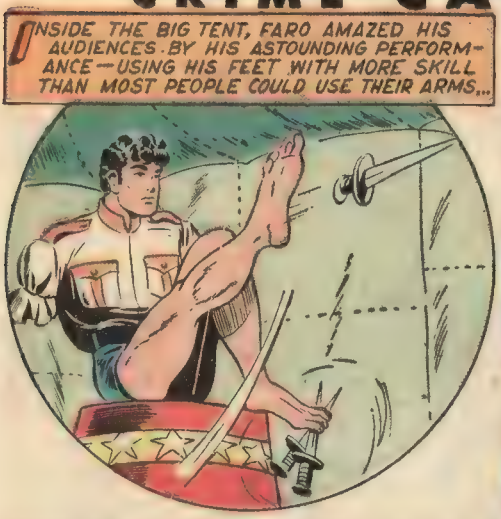

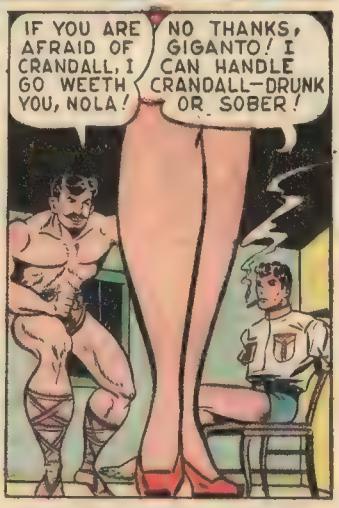

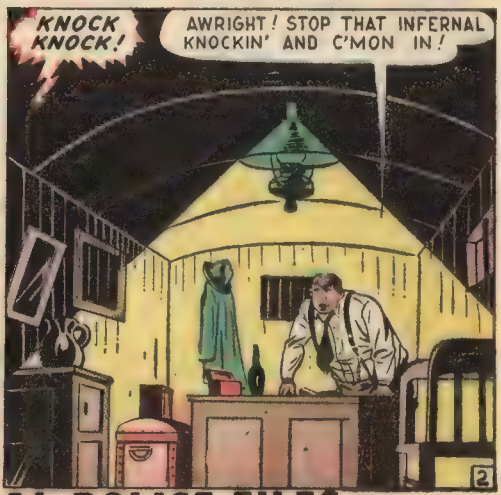

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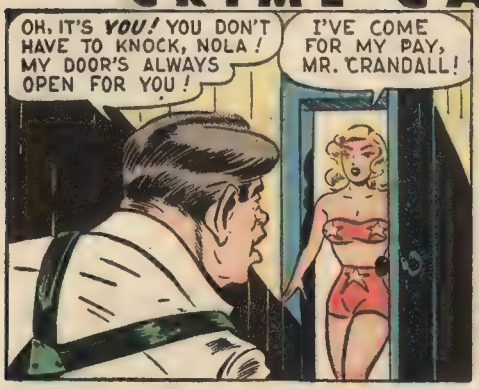

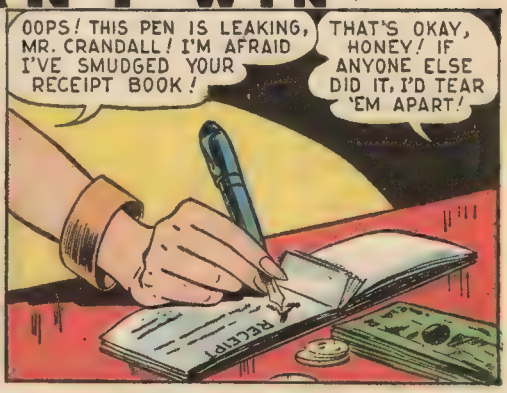

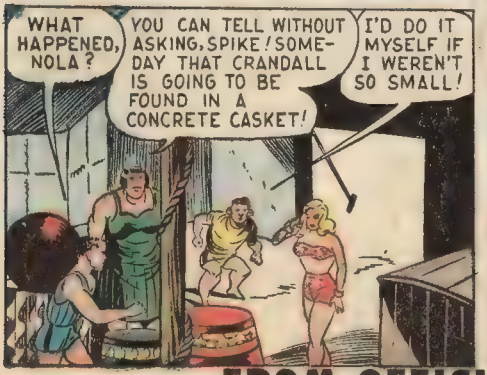

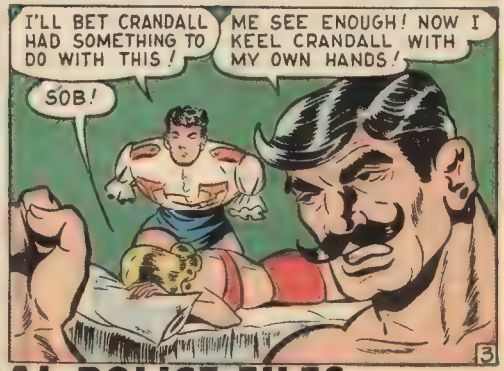

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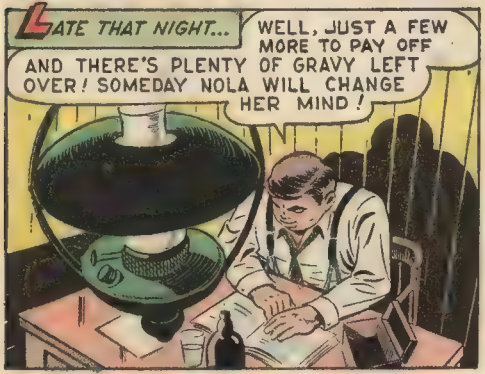
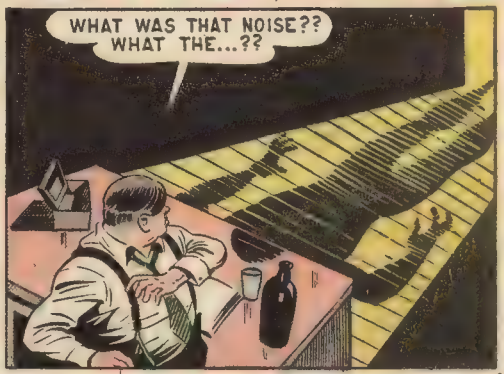
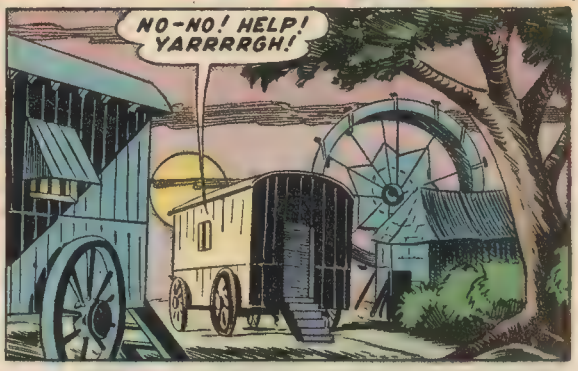
ME KILL HIM LIKE MAD DOG! GET OUT OF WAY, FARO!
TAKE IT EASY, GIGANTO! CRANDALL ISN'T WORTH THE TROUBLE YOU'LL GET INTO IF YOU KILL HIM!

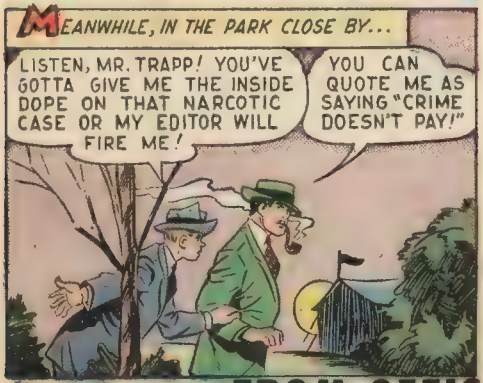
YOU RIGHT, FARO... BUT SOMEDAY HE GET IT GOOD!
ATTABOY! WELL, WHEN I GET PAID, I HOPE CRANDALL DOESN'T GET ROUGH WITH ME! I CAN'T PROTECT MYSELF... MUCH!


LATE THAT NIGHT...
WELL, JUST A FEW MORE TO PAY OFF AND THERE'S PLENTY OF GRAVY LEFT OVER! SOMEDAY NOLA WILL CHANGE HER MIND!

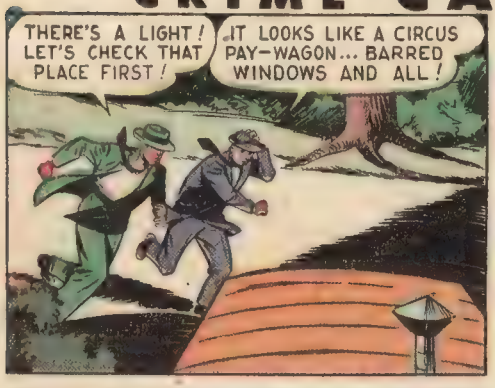

WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?? WHAT THE...??

YOU! WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT? IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NO...NO!

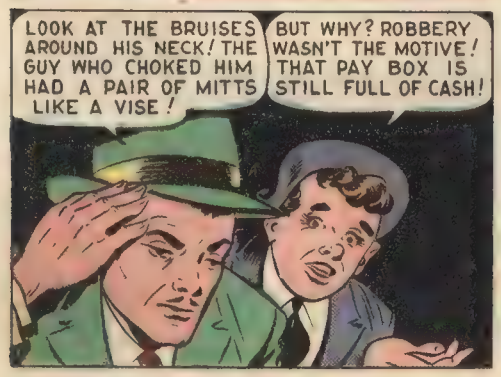

NO-NO! HELP! YARRRRGH!

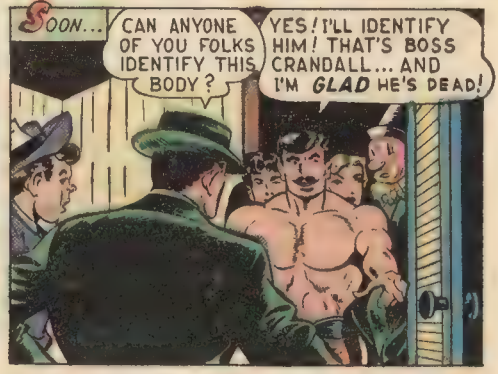

MEANWHILE, IN THE PARK CLOSE BY...
LISTEN, MR. TRAPP! YOU'VE GOTTA GIVE ME THE INSIDE DOPE ON THAT NARCOTIC CASE OR MY EDITOR WILL FIRE ME!
YOU CAN QUOTE ME AS SAYING "CRIME DOESN'T PAY!"

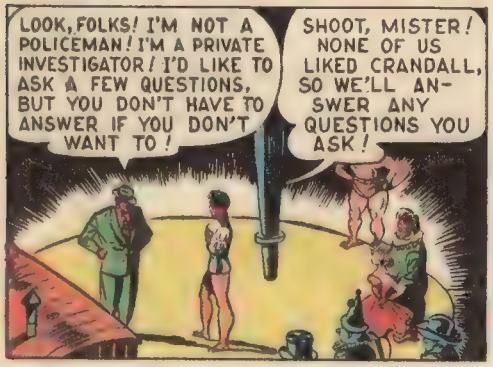
HELLLP!
RIGHT! TAG ALONG AND YOU MAY GOT AN EXCLUSIVE FOR YOUR RAG!
WHAT TH--?? HEY, IT'S COMING FROM THE CARNIVAL!

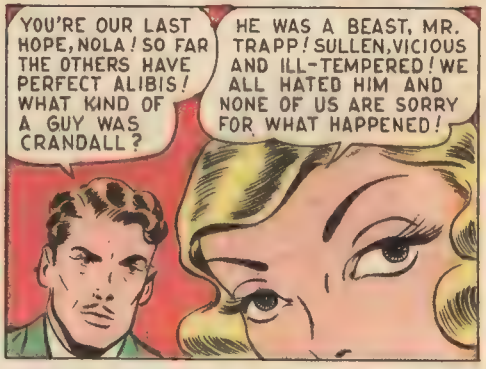

THERE'S A LIGHT! LET'S CHECK THAT PLACE FIRST!
IT LOOKS LIKE A CIRCUS PAY-WAGON... BARRED WINDOWS AND ALL!

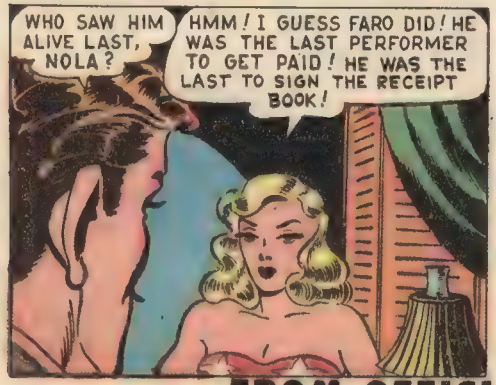
HOLY SMOKES! IS H--HE...???
RIGHT! DEADER'N A DOORNAIL!

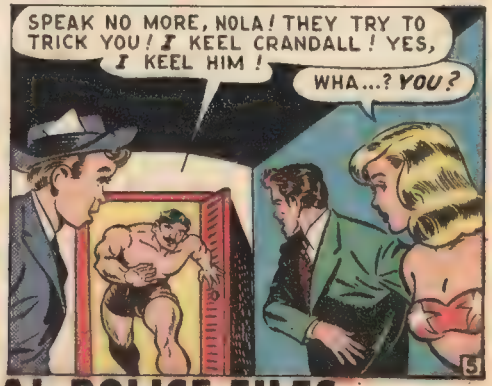

LOOK AT THE BRUISES AROUND HIS NECK! THE GUY WHO CHOKED HIM HAD A PAIR OF MITTS LIKE A VISE!
BUT WHY? ROBBERY WASN'T THE MOTIVE! THAT PAY BOX IS STILL FULL OF CASH!


SOON...
CAN ANYONE OF YOU FOLKS IDENTIFY THIS BODY?
YES! I'LL IDENTIFY HIM! THAT'S BOSS CRANDALL... AND I'M GLAD HE'S DEAD!


LOOK, FOLKS! I'M NOT A POLICEMAN! I'M A PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR! I'D LIKE TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER IF YOU DON'T WANT TO!
SHOOT, MISTER! NONE OF US LIKED CRANDALL, SO WE'LL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU ASK!


YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE, NOLA! SO FAR THE OTHERS HAVE PERFECT ALIBIS! WHAT KIND OF A GUY WAS CRANDALL?
HE WAS A BEAST, MR. TRAPP! SULLEN, VICIOUS AND ILL-TEMPERED! WE ALL HATED HIM AND NONE OF US ARE SORRY FOR WHAT HAPPENED!


WHO SAW HIM ALIVE LAST, NOLA?
HMM! I GUESS FARO DID! HE WAS THE LAST PERFORMER TO GET PAID! HE WAS THE LAST TO SIGN THE RECEIPT BOOK!


SPEAK NO MORE, NOLA! THEY TRY TO TRICK YOU! I KEEL CRANDALL! YES, I KEEL HIM!
WHA...? YOU?

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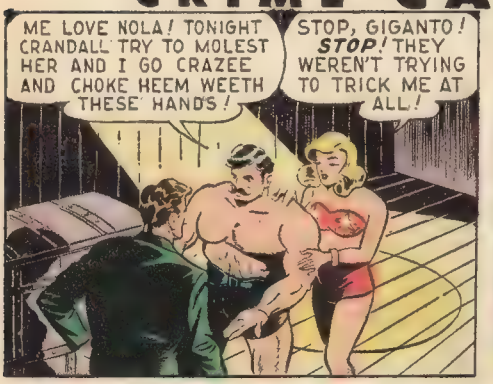

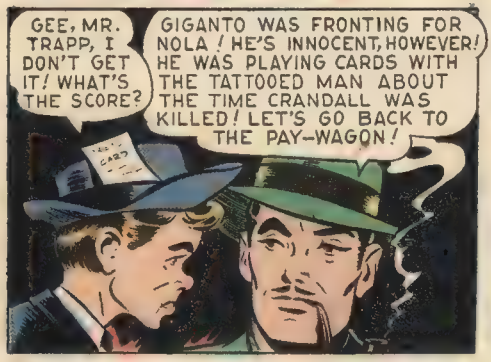

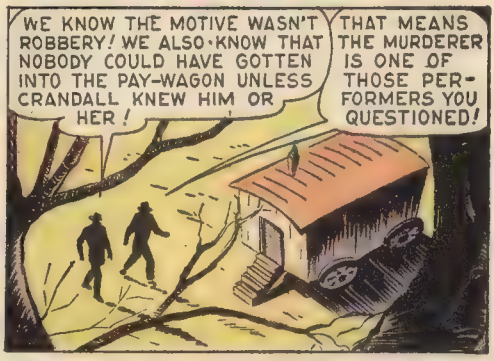

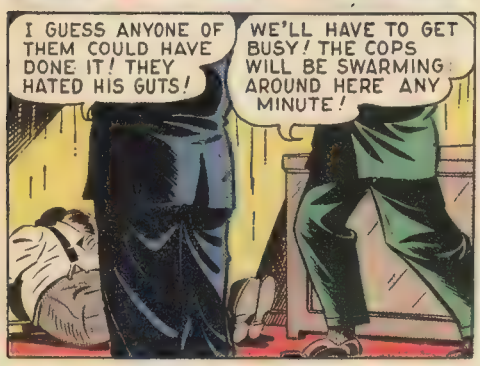

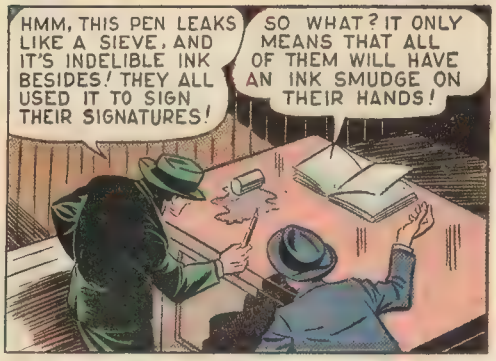

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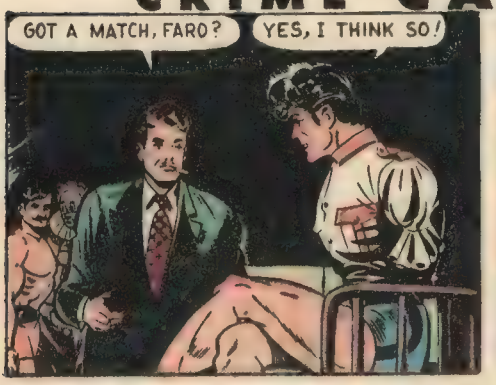

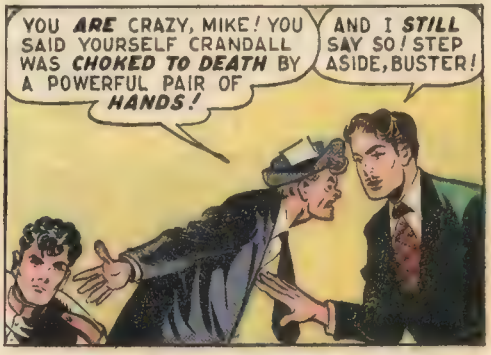

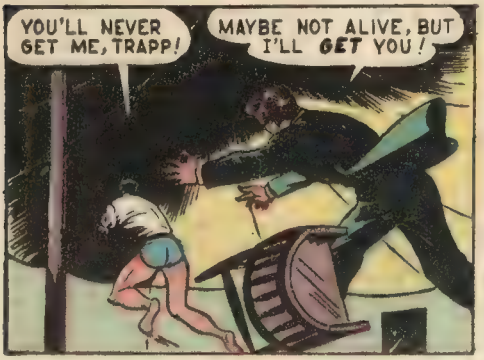

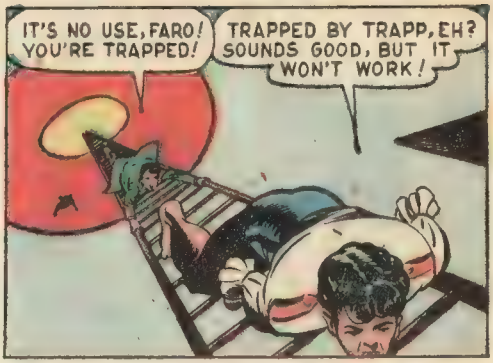

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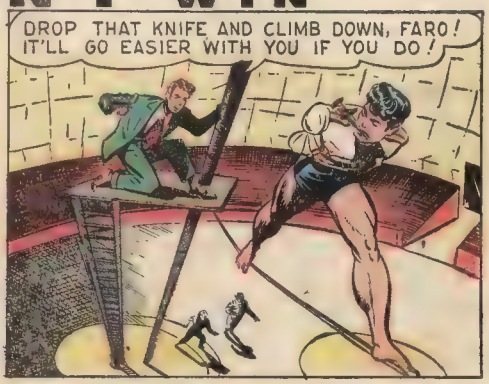

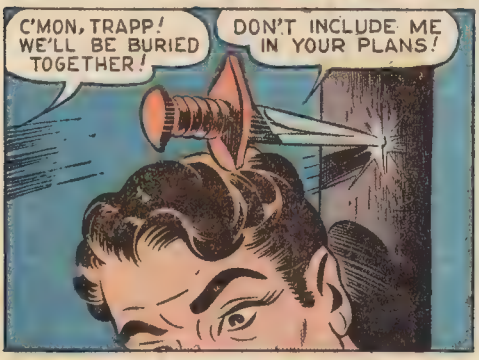

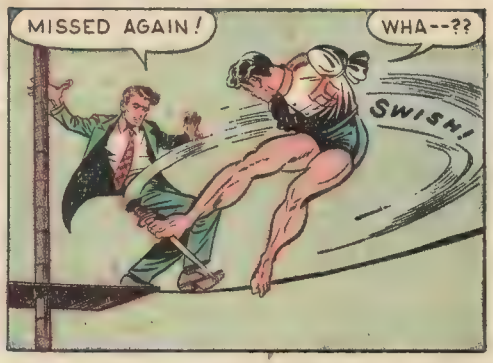

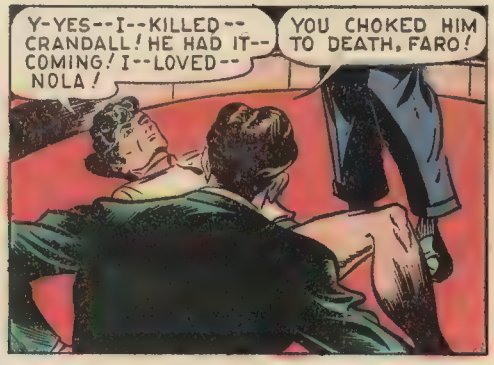

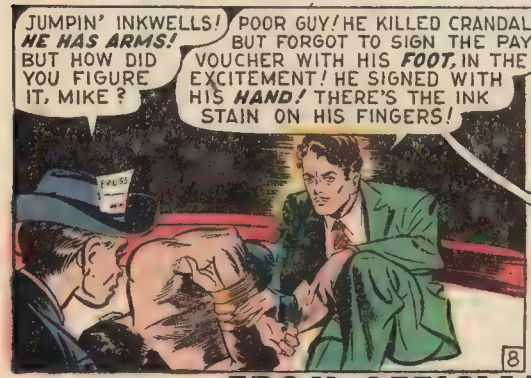

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THE INDELIBLE INK FROM THE LEAKY PEN INVOLVED EVERYONE WHO SIGNED THE PAYROLL VOUCHERS. IF FARO'S ***FOOT*** HAD SHOWN A SMUDGE WHEN HE LIT MY CIGARETTE, HE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE CLEAR. ***BUT THERE WAS NO SMUDGE ON HIS FOOT!*** I FIGURED FARO HAD KILLED CRANDALL AND FORGOT TO SIGN THE VOUCHER. HE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY AND SIGNED WITH HIS ***HAND*** BY MISTAKE!

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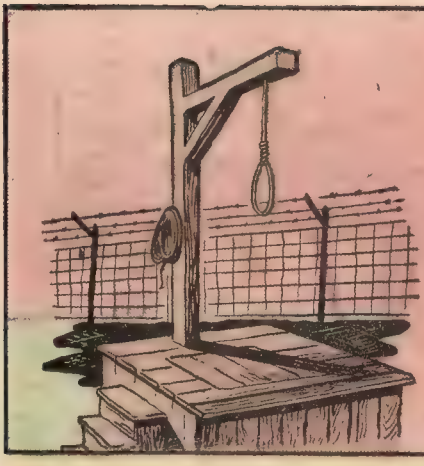

BORN TO HANG

RIVER STREET was shrouded in a midnight darkness as Patrolman Eddie Brian strode slowly along the narrow sidewalk. Around him dark warehouses loomed ugly and misshapen. Three months earlier, when first assigned to this lonely beat, Eddie had made his rounds with his hand close to his police special. Now he felt at home in the neighborhood.

The boys at the police station called this section "easy" because there hadn't been an attempt to rob one of the buildings in nearly two years. But tonight Eddie knew things were going to be different. He knew that within a short time, far up the street in back of him, a truck would pull around to the rear of one of the buildings and when it left it would be loaded with a quarter of a million dollars worth of silk. And there wasn't a thing he could do about it!

Eddie's usually square shoulders, fitting snugly into his neat blue uniform, drooped with dejection. His watchful eyes darted down dark alleys and into doorways merely from force of habit. His mind was elsewhere, juggling the words Flick Sampson had spoken earlier in the evening.

"I've got some bad news for you, copper," Flick had sneered. The gang boss had been waiting outside the neat white house where Eddie and his young brother Phil were keeping bachelor quarters until their mother returned from the hospital where she had undergone an operation. Flick was known by the law to be in on every unsavory kind of business in town, from big time robberies to pin ball machines. So far he had never been caught in the act of collecting on his rackets. "Your kid brother has decided to earn himself some real dough. He's joined up with me and the boys. We'll be doing a little business tonight in the Hopkins warehouse. If you don't want to make it rough on the kid you'd better be at the other end of the street between 1:00 and 2:00. Unless you want to play hero and take us in. But remember, if you do, the kid will be with us and think what that would do to your old lady in the hospital."

"Is what Flick says true, Phil?" Eddie had asked when he stopped at the garage where his brother was a mechanic.

"Sure! And why not?" Phil exclaimed angrily. "Between us we hardly make enough dough to keep the house going. And what about Ma's hospital bills. It'll take us years to pay them off."

"And what if Ma finds out? You'll break her heart," Eddie had said.

"She won't know about it unless you come around butting your nose in. Can't you see, Eddie, this one trick will set us on easy street for a while."

"You're more likely to get a slug in the gut, kid," Eddie had warned.

Phil laughed self-consciously, "Shucks, you know us Brian kids were born to be hung."

Those were the troubles weighing Eddie down as he walked along the dark street. He remembered when he and Phil were just kids living in the tough section of town. The chances had been a hundred to one that you would get into trouble in the neighborhood. Luckily neither one of them had made a bad mistake, at least not bad enough to get them into jail, before their mother had scraped up enough money to move out of the neighborhood. She always had said, "I'd rather see a son of mine dead than have him be a thief."

In back of him, far up the street, Eddie could hear the roar of a truck. He tried to close his ears to the sound which died down as the van turned into the alley alongside the Hopkins warehouse.

In his heart he knew that, not only was he letting the force down, but he also was disappointing his mother who had sacrificed so much to bring her kids up right. Could what he

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A geography and an encyclopaedia are essential tools for the stamp collector who would intelligently pursue his hobby. The newest among the titles of stamp-issuing administrations is "Tokelau Islands." The answers to the question "What and where are the Tokelau Islands?" probably could not have been correctly given by one in a million persons prior to a recent day when the postal authorities of New Zealand announced that, for the first time, special stamps are to be issued for use by the people who inhabit those islands.

That announcement caused collectors to do some research, because future stamp albums will provide spaces for these promised bits of postal paper: half-penny chocolate and violet, a village scene on Atafu; 1p brown and blue-green a hut on Nukunono; and 2p green and blue, a village scene on Fakaofo.

Atlases and other reference works show that Atafu, Nukunono and Fakaofo are tiny atolls lying 350 miles northeast of Samoa in the Pacific Ocean. Together they form the Tokelau (Union) Islands, seven miles square in area and with a population of about 2,000. Great Britain transferred Tokelau to New Zealand in 1926 and the islands have since been administered under the authority of Western Samoa, which is a territory controlled by New Zealand.

The Tokelau stamps are being printed in London, and it was stated at Wellington, capital of New Zealand, that the series would be made available probably in December, although it will be early in 1948 before the stamps are actually placed in use in the Tokelau Islands.

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was doing be the correct thing? He wondered. If the gang got away with the silk he was sure to be suspended for neglect of duty, but at least his mother wouldn't know anything about Phil's part in the robbery. Yet, she had always said, "I'd rather see a son of mine dead . . ."

Suddenly Eddie knew what he had to do. There was no other way. His shoulders squared.

He had reached the far end of the street now. As he turned the corner he loosened his special in its holster. He moved quickly to the alley which backed the warehouses for the whole block. A few moments later he was skirting the truck the gang had parked at the loading platform of the Hopkins building. Inside he could hear the slight noise the gang made as they moved about. He approached the door and peeked in. Lying on the floor close by was the watchman tied hand and foot and gagged. By a dim light Eddie saw Flick and a bald-headed character working over packing cases, opening each one to be sure they got only the most expensive goods. Phil was nowhere in sight. A cold sweat broke out on Eddie's face. He knew that in the showdown he would have no choice but to treat Phil the same as Flick and the others, bullet for bullet. He raised his gun and stepped forward.

"Okay, copper, that's far enough," a voice grated in his ear and he felt the working end of a gun against his ribs. "Drop it," the voice ordered. Eddie let his revolver drop to the floor.

Flick and Baldy had grabbed their guns at the sound of voices. Now the gang leader stepped forward. There was a nasty grin on his face. "Couldn't keep your nose out of this could you, flat foot? Well, you asked for it. Take him out back, Joe. You know what to do," Flick ordered.

A feeling of desperation swept over Eddie as Joe poked him with the gun towards the depth of the warehouse. It was better to go down fighting than to be cut down in cold blood. After all, he was a member of the toughest police force in the country and, too, he was a Brian and a Brian never fell down on his job.

With a sudden disregard for his life he spun around on his heels, pushing the threatening gun aside with one hand and landing a punch with the other. Joe fingered a shot into the darkness before going down and out, dropping the gun which Eddie scooped up as he dived behind a packing case. In a second the wooden case was shattered by lead as Flick and Baldy opened fire. As he exchanged shots with the gangsters Eddie couldn't help but wonder where Phil was. Keeping low he slid along the floor until he came to a crack between a row of boxes. With his first shot he saw Baldy double up and fall forward. Then there was silence from where Flick should have been. Eddie felt a prickling sensation run up and down his spine as he realized he had been tricked. Flick was in back of him. He was a dead duck.

"Lookout, Eddie!" A harsh voice cut through the stillness. As he threw himself to the side he caught a quick glimpse of Flick a dozen feet away with gun raised. But Flick was looking toward the doorway leading to the loading platform where Phil stood with a gun in his hand. Eddie saw the shirt Phil wore was bloody. Phil squeezed the trigger of his gun and Flick slowly slid to the floor, a large hole having appeared between his eyes.

"I couldn't go through with it, Eddie," Phil gasped as Eddie knelt beside him. "I told Flick I wouldn't, so he had Joe plug me. They thought I was through and left me in the truck." He stopped and coughed. "And don't worry about me, Eddie, I'll be all right. They didn't know you can't kill a Brian with lead," Phil gave a small laugh, "we were born to be hung."

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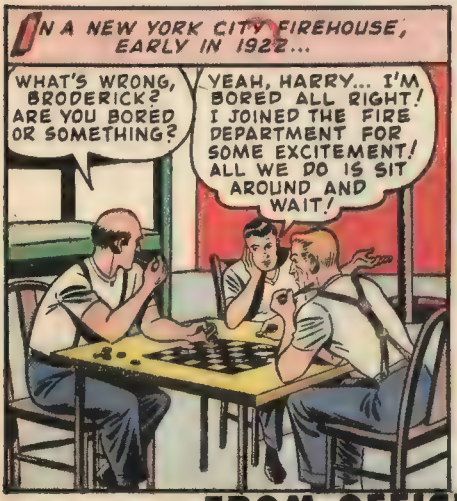

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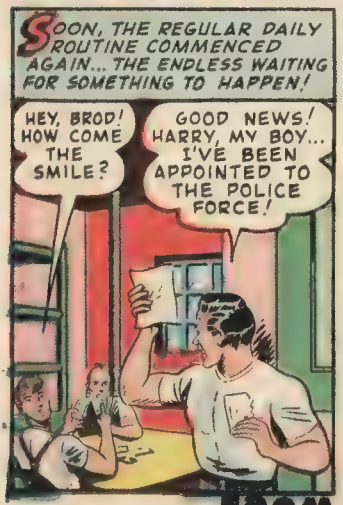

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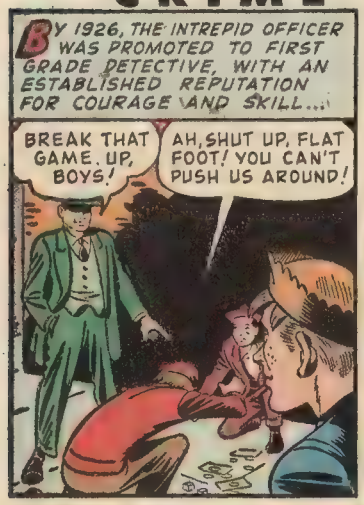

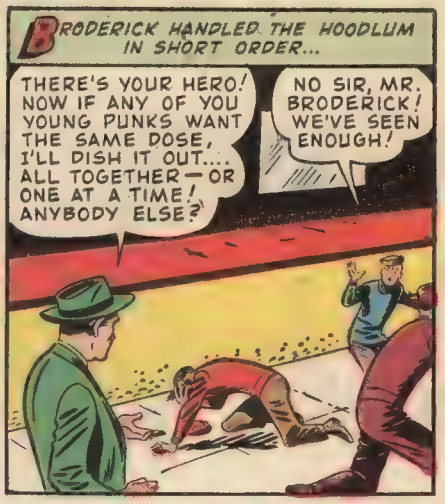

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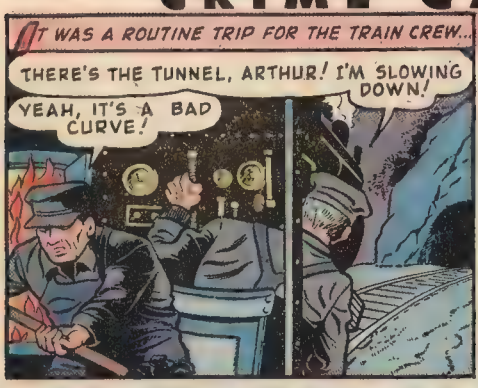

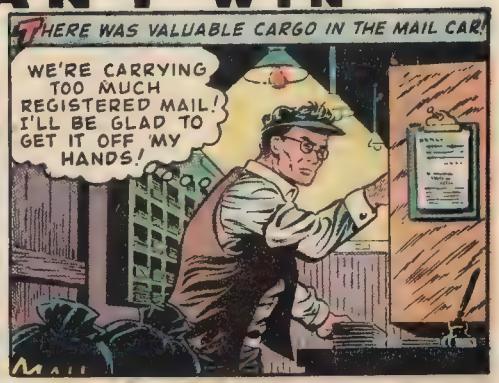

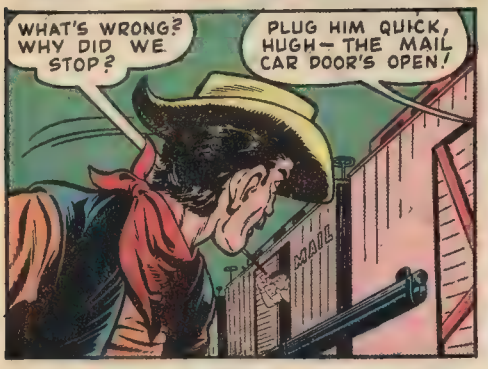

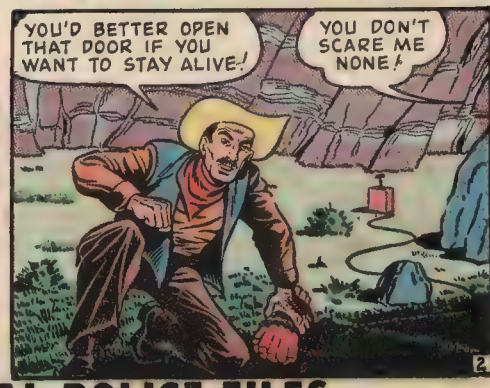

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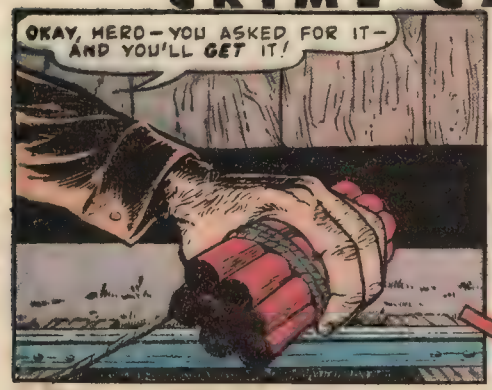

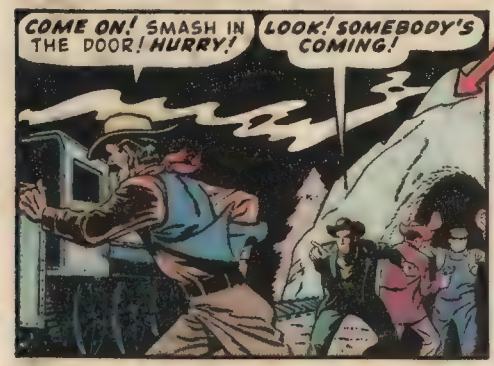

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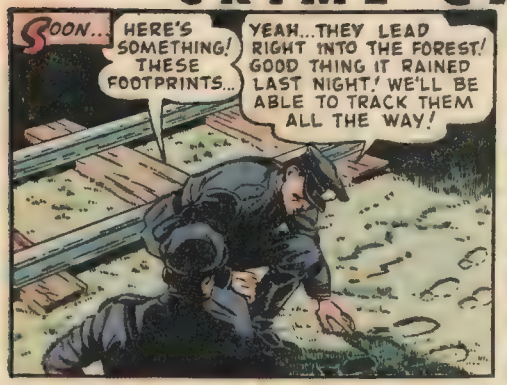
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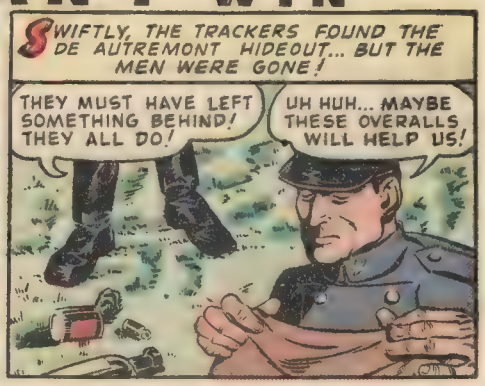
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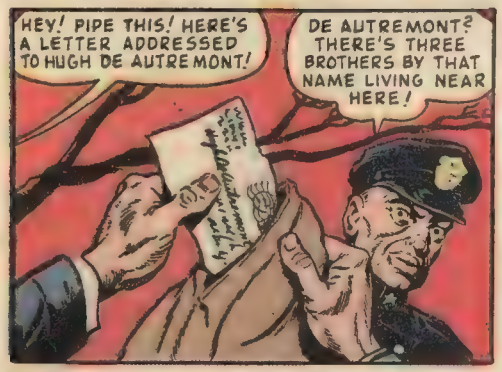
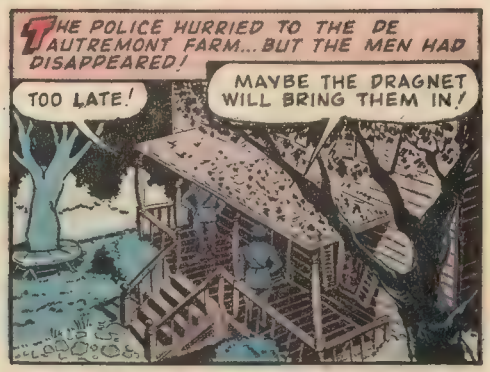
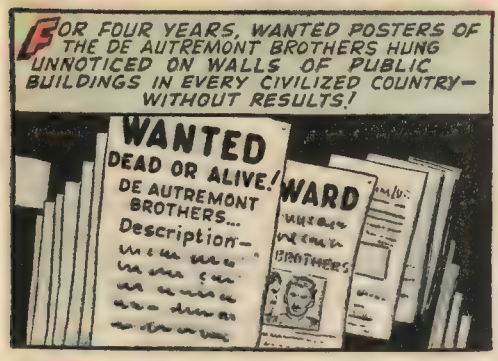
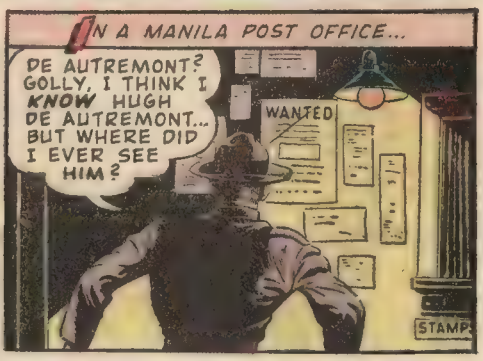
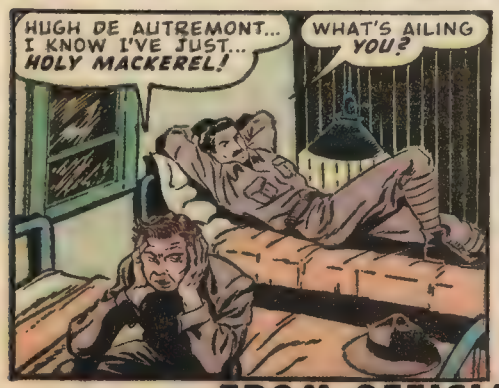
THEY MUST HAVE LEFT SOMETHING BEHIND! THEY ALL DO!
UH HUH... MAYBE THESE OVERALLS WILL HELP US!

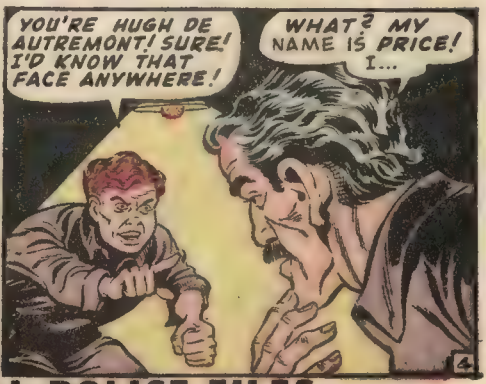

HEY! PIPE THIS! HERE'S A LETTER ADDRESSED TO HUGH DE AUTREMONT!
DE AUTREMONT? THERE'S THREE BROTHERS BY THAT NAME LIVING NEAR HERE!

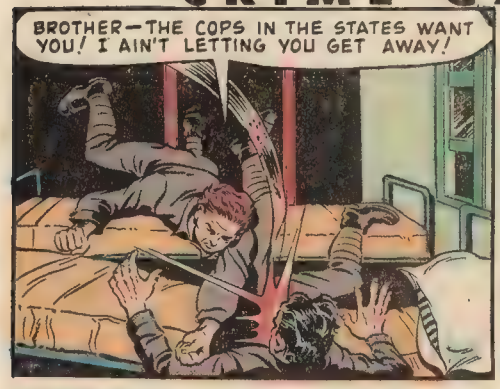

THE POLICE HURRIED TO THE DE AUTREMONT FARM... BUT THE MEN HAD DISAPPEARED!
TOO LATE!
MAYBE THE DRAGNET WILL BRING THEM IN!

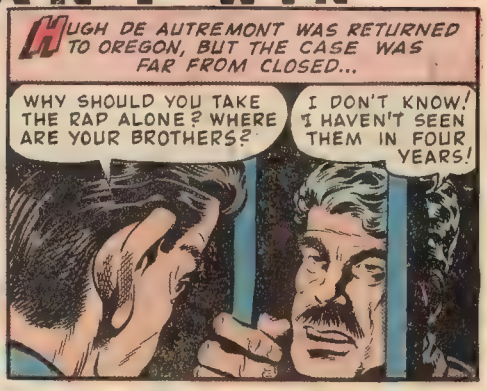

FOR FOUR YEARS, WANTED POSTERS OF THE DE AUTREMONT BROTHERS HUNG UNNOTICED ON WALLS OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN EVERY CIVILIZED COUNTRY—WITHOUT RESULTS!
WANTED
DEAD OR ALIVE!
DE AUTREMONT BROTHERS...
Description—
WARD


IN A MANILA POST OFFICE...
DE AUTREMONT? GOLLY, I THINK I KNOW HUGH DE AUTREMONT... BUT WHERE DID I EVER SEE HIM?
WANTED
STAMPS


HUGH DE AUTREMONT... I KNOW I'VE JUST... HOLY MACKEREL!
WHAT'S AILING YOU?

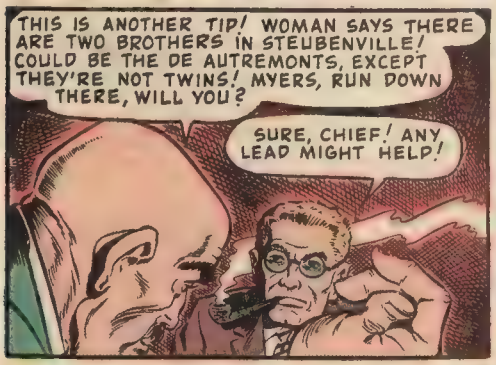

YOU'RE HUGH DE AUTREMONT! SURE! I'D KNOW THAT FACE ANYWHERE!
WHAT? MY NAME IS PRICE! I...

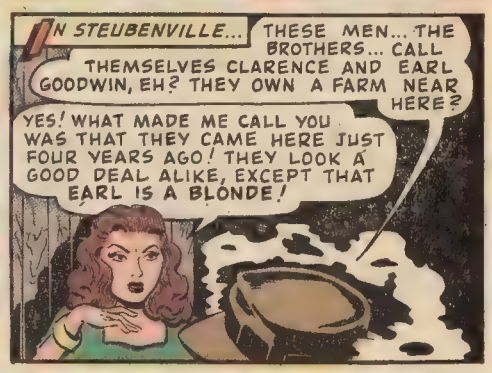

BROTHER—THE COPS IN THE STATES WANT YOU! I AIN'T LETTING YOU GET AWAY!


HUGH DE AUTREMONT WAS RETURNED TO OREGON, BUT THE CASE WAS FAR FROM CLOSED...
WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE THE RAP ALONE? WHERE ARE YOUR BROTHERS?
I DON'T KNOW! I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM IN FOUR YEARS!

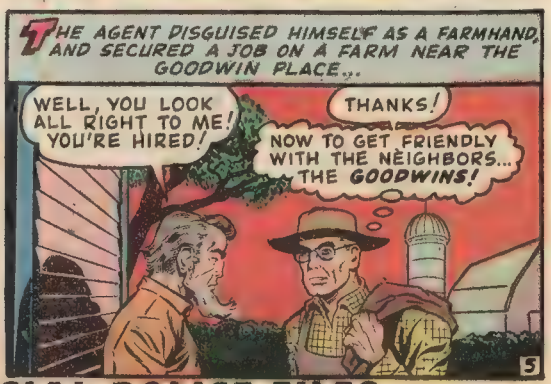
THERE WAS GLOOM IN THE F.B.I. OFFICE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO...
THERE ISN'T EVEN A LEAD ON THE DE AUTREMONTS! WE'VE TRAILED ALL THE WAY OUT HERE FOR NOTHING!
MAYBE SOMETHING WILL TURN UP, CHIEF... THERE'S THE PHONE!
R-RING!

RALEIGH SPEAKING! YES, MA'AM! ALL RIGHT—WE'LL SEND A MAN!


THIS IS ANOTHER TIP! WOMAN SAYS THERE ARE TWO BROTHERS IN STEUBENVILLE! COULD BE THE DE AUTREMONTS, EXCEPT THEY'RE NOT TWINS! MYERS, RUN DOWN THERE, WILL YOU?
SURE, CHIEF! ANY LEAD MIGHT HELP!


IN STEUBENVILLE...
THESE MEN... THE BROTHERS... CALL THEMSELVES CLARENCE AND EARL GOODWIN, EH? THEY OWN A FARM NEAR HERE?
YES! WHAT MADE ME CALL YOU WAS THAT THEY CAME HERE JUST FOUR YEARS AGO! THEY LOOK A GOOD DEAL ALIKE, EXCEPT THAT EARL IS A BLONDE!

THANK YOU FOR THE INFORMATION, MA'AM! I'LL FOLLOW IT UP!


THE AGENT DISGUISED HIMSELF AS A FARMHAND, AND SECURED A JOB ON A FARM NEAR THE GOODWIN PLACE...
WELL, YOU LOOK ALL RIGHT TO ME! YOU'RE HIRED!
THANKS!
NOW TO GET FRIENDLY WITH THE NEIGHBORS... THE GOODWINS!

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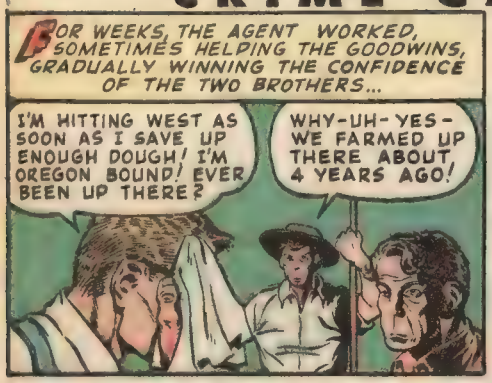

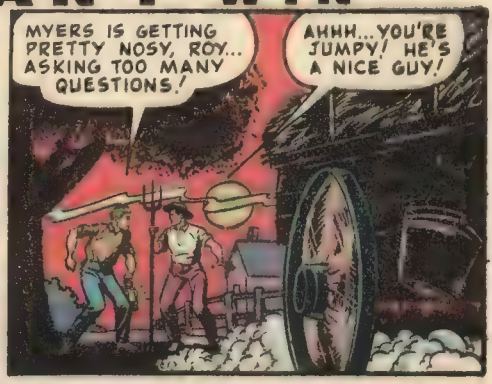

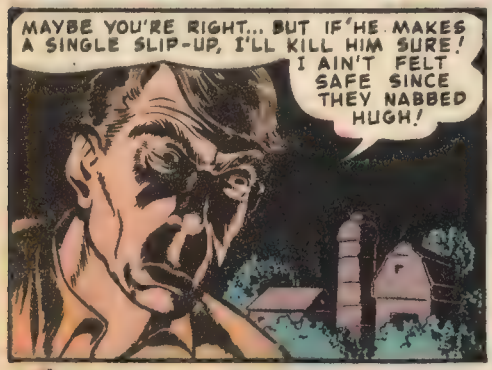

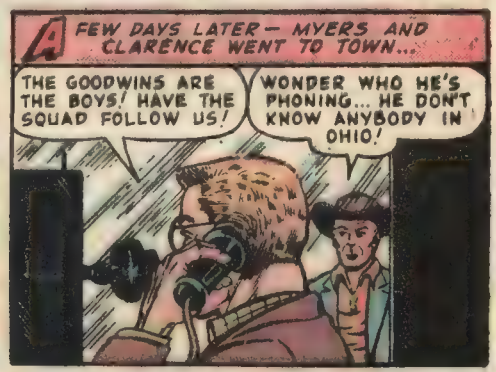

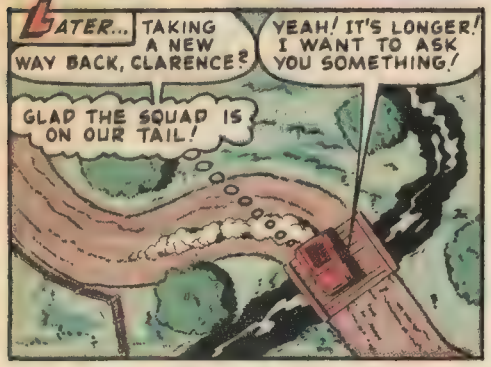

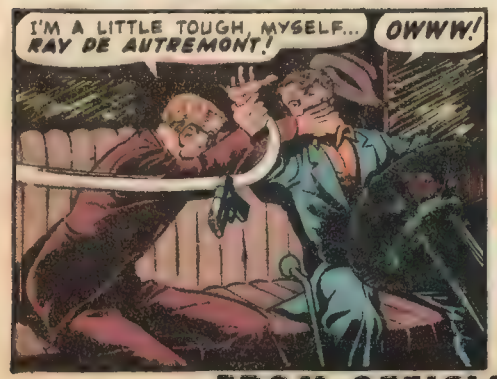

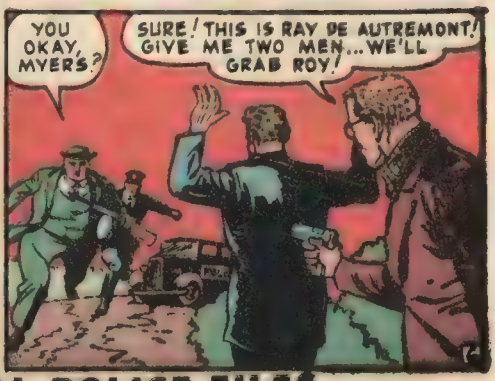

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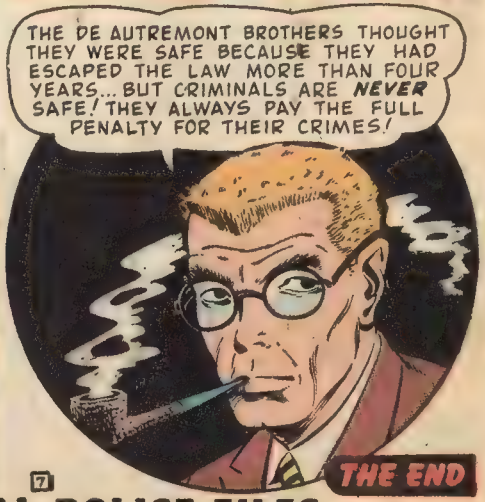

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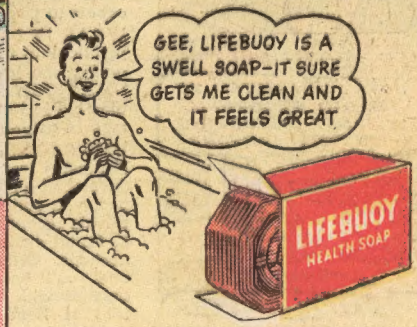

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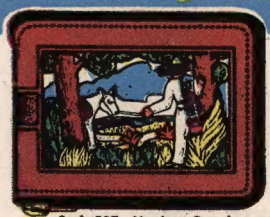

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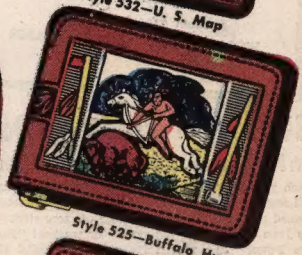

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